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Mr. [redacted] Helms
Deputy Director for Plans
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Commission wishes to consider the possibility that during his stay in the Soviet Union Lee Harvey Oswald may have received medical or psychological treatment or conditioning designed to incapacitate or accentuate his apparent hostility to authority and thereby render him a disruptive factor in this country after his return.

We think that a study of the latest Soviet techniques in [redacted] conditioning" and so-called "brainwashing" would be helpful in this regard. We would greatly appreciate your making such materials as you may have on that subject available to Mr. Wesley J. Liebeler of our staff. Perhaps a conference on this subject between appropriate members of your organization and members of our staff would be desirable.

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

cc: Mr. J. Rankin
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Mr. W. Liebeler